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PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

Laramie Mountain, L.L.C. ("LMB"), licensee of broadcast station KRQU, Laramie, Wyoming, pursuant to Rule 1.401 requests that the Commission institute a rule making proceeding to amend Station 73.202(b) of its Rules, the FM Table of Allotments, to delete Channel 275C at Laramie, Wyoming, and assign Channel 275C2 to LaPorte, Colorado.

LMB has attached an Engineering Statement (the "Engineering Statement") demonstrating that this petition is in full accord with Commission minimum distance separation and city grade coverage requirements. See Exhibit 1. Grant of the requested channel reallocation would result in a preferential arrangement of allotments as provided in the Commission's change of community procedures by promoting a first local transmission service to LaPorte and by more than doubling the population served. See, Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Modification of FM and TV Authorizations to Specify a New Community of License, 4 FCC Rcd. 4870 (1989), reconsideration granted in part, denied in part, 5 FCC Rcd. 7094 (1990).

The proposed change for KRQU(FM) would provide LaPorte with its first local service. LaPorte is not incorporated but is a census designated place with a 1990 population of 2,300. LaPorte has its own post office and zip code, a bank, churches, businesses, a primary and intermediate school, and a volunteer fire department. *See* Exhibit 2. Accordingly, it is clear that LaPorte is an independent community deserving of its first local transmission service.

No. of Copies rec'd_ List ABCDE Operation of Channel 275C2 as a LaPorte station from the transmitter site identified in the Engineering Statement would result in a 1.0 mV/m signal coverage of approximately 8,290 square kilometers containing 261,600 people, compared to current coverage of approximately 8,680 square kilometers and 101,900 people. The entire gain/loss area is well served during the day. *See* Engineering Statement.

The proposed change for KRQU(FM) will not cause Laramie, Wyoming to lose its only local transmission service allotment. There are currently seven stations licensed to Laramie. Accordingly, the community of Laramie will not be deprived of its only local transmission service and will remain well served with 6 stations.

In sum, the reallotment proposed will result in a first local service to LaPorte, and a net gain of service to 159,700 people. These public interest benefits are more than sufficient to support the reallocation of the channel to LaPorte. Accordingly, LMB respectfully submits that the allotment proposed herein would serve the public interest and should be implemented. LMB hereby expresses its intention to apply for Channel 275C2 at LaPorte, Colorado, if allotted and, if authorized, to build the station promptly.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, a rule making proceeding should be instituted to amend Section 73.202(b) to delete Channel 275C at Laramie, Wyoming and assign Channel 275C2 for use at LaPorte, Colorado.

Respectfully submitted,

LARAMIE MOUNTAIN BROADCASTING, LLC.

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EXHIBIT 1

ENGINEERING STATEMENT

ENGINEERING STATEMENT RE: OTHER SERVICES RADIO MARKET ANALYSIS RELOCATION OF KRQU(FM) AT LARAMIE, WY. LARAMIE MOUNTAIN BROADCASTING, L.L.C.

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March, 2001

ENGINEERING STATEMENT RE:
OTHER SERVICES RADIO MARKET ANALYSIS
RELOCATION OF KRQU(FM) AT LARAMIE, WY.
LARAMIE MOUNTAIN BROADCASTING, L.L.C.

INTRODUCTION

This statement was prepared on behalf of Laramie Mountain Broadcasting, L.L.C., (Mountain), licensee of KRQU(FM) at Laramie, Wyoming. Mountain proposes to relocate KRQU(FM) and re-allocate it from Laramie to the city of Laporte, Colorado.

There are numerous other radio services to the present and proposed KRQU(FM) service area which are illustrated below.

OTHER SERVICES RADIO MARKET ANALYSIS

Attached to this statement as Figure 1 is a map showing the 60 dBu service contours of KRQU(FM), represented by the heavy lines, as both presently authorized and as proposed. KRQU(FM) will relocate approximately 30 miles to the southeast to another site operated by Mountain. The relocated facilities will downgrade operation to maximum Class C2 with the facilities shown below.

KRQU(pres) 275C Laramie, WY. 100kW / 9065 ft.AAT KRQU(prop) 275C2 Laporte, CO. 50kW / 6985 ft.AAT

Also shown on Figure 1 are service contours from other radio stations. All other services are based on licensed commercial facilities only, applications or pending facility modifications and non-commercial (educational facilities) were not considered. FM service contours of 60 dBu (1.0 mV/m) and daytime AM, M3-groundwave, service contours of 0.5 mV/m were predicted for the FCC licensed facilities. A total of 25 FM and 16 AM stations were considered and are listed below in Table 1. They all provide some service to the KRQU(FM) present and/or proposed service areas.

TABLE 1 OTHER SERVICE STATION FACILITIES

FM STATIONS

CALL SIGN	<u>ST</u>	CITY	<u>CH.</u>	ERP [W]	AMSL [FT]	CLASS
KVOD	CO	GREELEY	223	57000.0	6220.47	C1
KTCL	CO	FORT COLLINS	227	100000.0	6115.49	С
KCGY	WY	LARAMIE	236	100000.0	8943.57	С
KGLL	CO	GREELEY	241	100000.0	5787.40	C1
KXPK	CO	EVERGREEN	243	100000.0	10764.44	С
KBCOFM	CO	BOULDER	247	100000.0	8474.41	С
KIGN	WY	CHEYENNE	250	100000.0	7132.55	C1
KYGOFM	CO	DENVER	253	100000.0	10833.33	С
KUADFM	CO	WINDSOR	256	100000.0	5807.00	C1
KKHK	CO	DENVER	258	100000.0	7421.26	С
KRRR	WY	CHEYENNE	260	50000.0	6985.00	C2
KOLZ	WY	CHEYENNE	264	100000.0	7070.21	C1
KOSI	CO	DENVER	266	100000.0	7421.26	С
KMUSFM	WY	BURNS	270	50000.0	6440.29	C2
KXUU	CO	ESTES PARK	271	25000.0	9560.00	C3
KTRR	CO	LOVELAND	273	50000.0	5298.56	C2
KRQU	WY	LARAMIE	275	100000.0	9064.96	С
KRFX	CO	DENVER	278	100000.0	7027.56	С
KCKK	CO	LONGMONT	282	58000.0	6184.38	C1
KSNA	WY	LARAMIE	283	3000.0	8881.23	C3
KZCY	WY	CHEYENNE	285	6000.0	6177.82	Α
KIMX	WY	LARAMIE	288	2200.0	8956.69	C3
KLEN	WY	CHEYENNE	292	3000.0	6154.86	Α
KBPI	CO	DENVER	294	100000.0	7598.43	С
KPAW	CO	FORT COLLINS	300	100000.0	5702.10	C1

TABLE 1
OTHER SERVICE STATION FACILITIES (Continued...)

AM STATIONS

CALL SIGN	<u>ST</u>	CITY	FREQ.	ERP [KW]
KIIX	CO	WELLINGTON	600	5.000
KGAB	WY	ORCHARD VALLEY	650	8.500
KUYO	WY	EVANSVILLE	830	10.000
KRKY	CO	GRANBY	930	4.500
KTWO	WY	CASPER	1030	50.000
KLMO	CO	LONGMONT	1060	10.000
KWS	CO	WINDSOR	1170	1.000
KLDI	WY	LARAMIE	1210	10.000
KOWB	WY	LARAMIE	1290	5.000
KFKA	CO	GREELEY	1310	5.000
KHNC	CO	JOHNSTOWN	1360	0.500
KJJL	WY	CHEYENNE	1370	1.000
KCOL	CO	FORT COLLINS	1410	1.000
KEZZ	CO	ESTES PARK	1470	1.000
KRAE	WY	CHEYENNE	1480	1.000
KHPN	CO	LOVELAND	1570	1.000

MINIMUM OTHER SERVICES

The map of Figure 1 illustrates that a minimum of two other audio services exists in the KRQU(FM) present service area which would lose service as a result of the reallocation and relocation of KRQU(FM). This minimum other service area exists in a very thin crescent area on the far western edge of the KRQU(FM) present service contour. Other small areas of three, four and five other services lie on the western and far northeastern edge of the KRQU(FM) service contour. Those areas, with two to five other services, are highlighted with shading on the map of Figure 1. Areas with more than five other services are not shaded. There are up to 13 other services in the area presently served by KRQU(FM) that would lose service when KRQU(FM) is relocated.

CONCLUSION

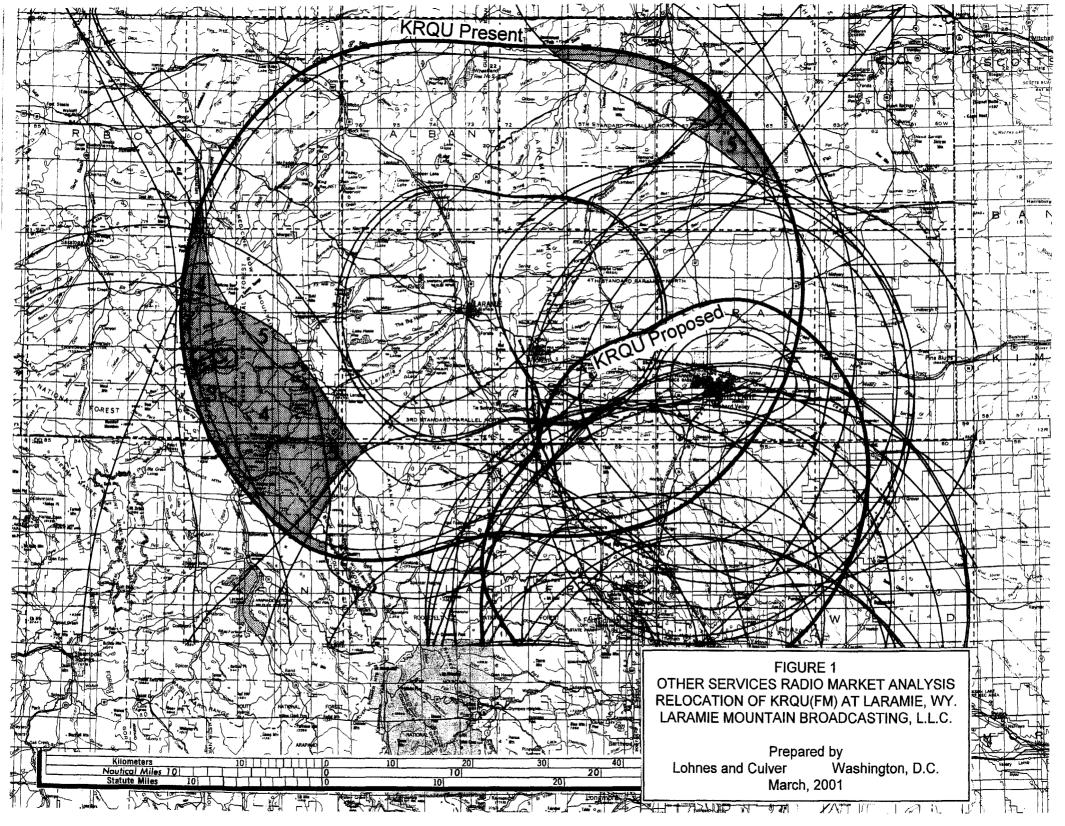
The KRQU(FM) relocation and reallocation will create an area of lost service, that receives service from a substantial number of other services. There will remain at least two other services, and as many as 13 other services, after the relocation of KRQU(FM).

Respectfully Submitted, LOHNES AND CULVER

Robert Culver, P.E.

Md. Reg. Eng. No. 19672

March, 2001



ENGINEERING STATEMENT RE: RELOCATION OF KRQU(FM) AT LARAMIE, WY. ALLOCATION AND POPULATION SERVICE LARAMIE MOUNTAIN BROADCASTING, L.L.C.

INTRODUCTION

This statement was prepared on behalf of Laramie Mountain Broadcasting, L.L.C., (Mountain), licensee of KRQU(FM) at Laramie, Wyoming. Mountain proposes to relocate KRQU(FM) and re-allocate it from Laramie to the city of Laporte, Colorado.

PROPOSED RELOCATION - ALLOCATION STUDY

Mountain will relocate KRQU(FM) to an existing site it from which it operates station KRRR(FM). An allocation study from the proposed site indicates that the relocated KRQU(FM) will meet all of the allocation separations in Section 73.207(b) of the FCC Rules and can operate on its assigned Channel 275 as a Class C2 facility. The facilities to be employed by KRQU(FM) will, therefore, duplicate those of KRRR, providing principal community contour coverage of Laporte, Colorado.

SERVICE CONTOUR COVERAGE

Mountain will relocate KRQU(FM), operate as Class C2 and shift its 60 dBu (1.0 mV/m) coverage area accordingly. A population analysis has been made based on the latest available full census population figures, the 1990 population data. The present KRQU(FM) service contour covers 18,680 square kilometers with a 1990 population of 101,900. The proposed relocated KRQU(FM) service contour covers 8,290 square kilometers with a 1990 population of 261,600.

CONCLUSION

Mountain can relocate KRQU(FM) in accordance with Section 73.201(b) of the FCC Rules, operating with smaller, more efficient class of facilities, and increase its coverage population per area efficiency by a factor of nearly 6 to 1.

Respectfully Submitted,

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April, 2001

EXHIBIT 2

DATA ON LaPORTE, COLORADO

Community Status Criteria

Town:	LaPorte
Population.	2300
Post Office.	Yes.
Media	Yes. North Forty News.
Religion.	Yes. LaPorte Presbyterian Church (2 locations) (See attached)
Businesses (includes retail, real estate, grocery stores, etc.).	Yes. (See attached)
Restaurants.	Yes. (See attached)
Hotels, etc.	Yes. (several), see attachment.
Schools.	Yes. Cache La Poudre Elementary School. Cache La Poudre Junior High School.
Day Care.	Yes. Jelly Beans Day Care Inc.
Medicine/Assisted Living.	Yes. Michael K. Lilndstorm-Windridge Chiropractic Inc.





History of LaPorte

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The community of LaPorte is located west of Fort Collins near the foothills, alongside the Cache La Poudre River. As its name implies, LaPorte is considered the gateway to the mountains. The town was named by French-Canadian fur trappers, many with Native American wives, who settled in the area in the mid-1800s.

According to legend, a group of fur traders had earlier stashed supplies (including gunpowder) in a cache along the river near LaPorte, and that is how the river got its name.

In November 1861, when the first Territorial Legislature was created, LaPorte was chosen as a county seat. The year 1862 was significant for the small community. That year, the first post office opened, a stage stop was built, and Camp Collins was established by the U.S. Army along the river to protect the stage line from Indian attack. That same year, the LaPorte Townsite Company claimed 1,280 acres of land for the town. When the army camp flooded in 1864, soldiers packed their gear and moved downstream to a location near present-day Fort Collins.

In 1881, a state election was held to determine the location of the state capital. Denver won over LaPorte by one vote.

Much of LaPorte's early history can be appreciated by a stroll through the Bingham Hill Cemetery just outside town.

Still an unincorporated community, LaPorte is now home to about 1,700 families.

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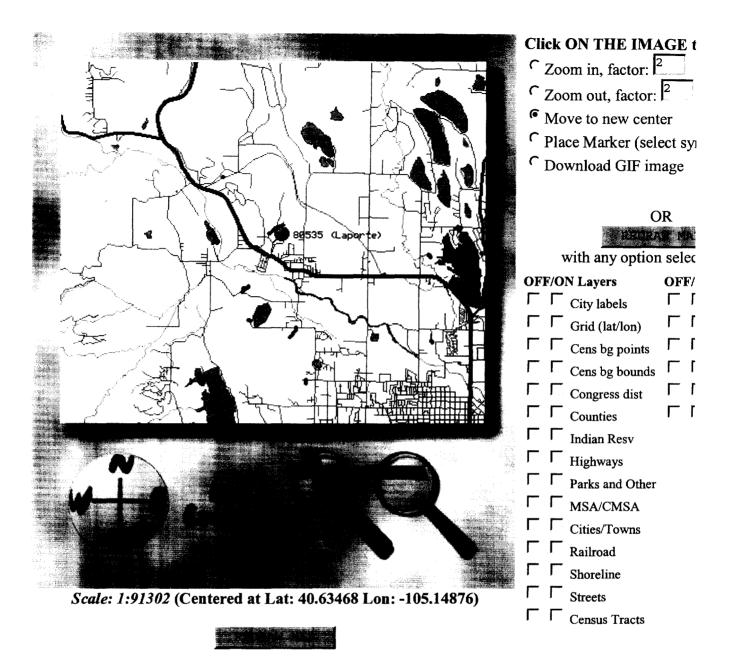
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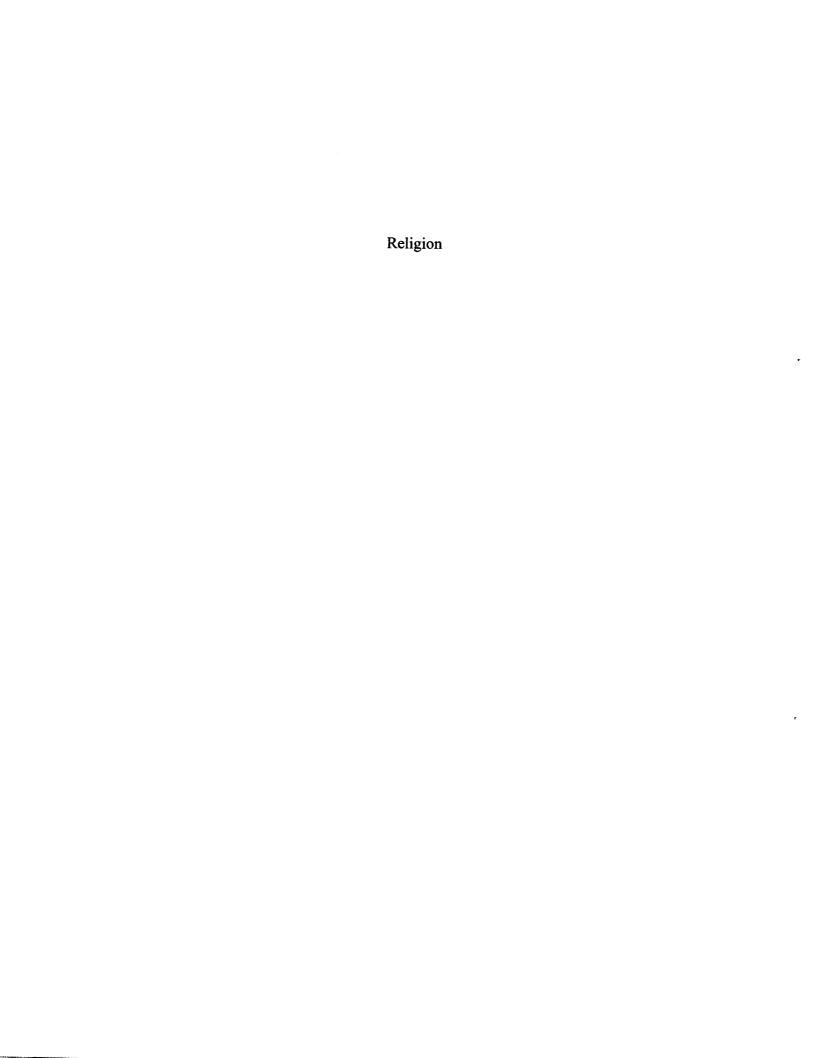


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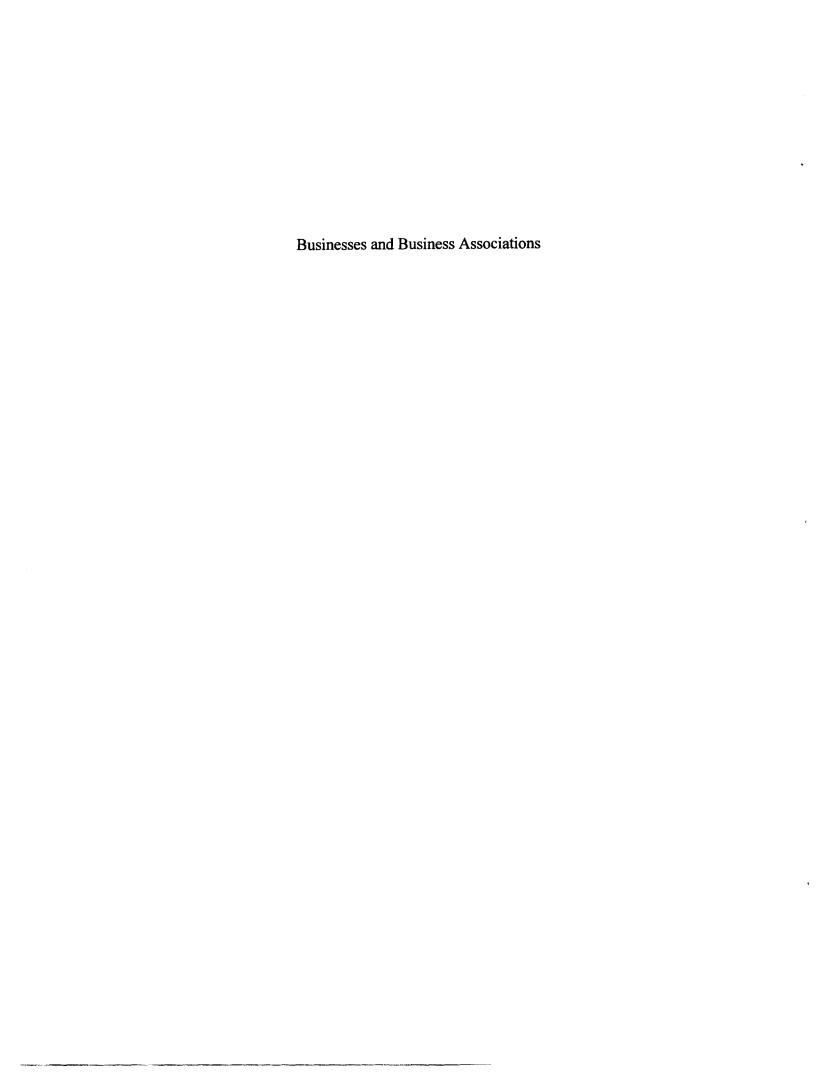
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Public input sought for Holnam project in LaPorte

With Holnam, Inc. scheduled to donate more than \$16,000 for an environmental or public health project in the LaPorte area, local citizens are looking for ideas for spending the funds.

The LaPorte Area Planning Advisory Committee, in cooperation with the Larimer County Department of Public Health and Holnam, has been charged with developing a project, and they are now turning to the public for input. The funds are related to emissions from Holnam's coal mill stack that exceeded standards. In addition to correcting the emissions problem, the company has opted to undertake a local "supplemental environmental project" in lieu of paying the total penalty to the state. The state requires that this project must result in significant environmental or public health benefits in the LaPorte area.

At the Feb. 19 LAPAC meeting, Principal Ginny Owen of Cache La Poudre Junior High suggested projects that could be carried out in conjunction with the school. One such project would involve paying to bus students from After Hours classes to five different drop sites, thus saving vehicle trips by parents. Busing is currently paid for by the After Hours program with grant money, but the grant is scheduled to end in 2002.

Owen also suggested using the funds for a new sign in front of the LaPorte schools, but LAPAC members indicated that such a project would not meet the environmental guidelines imposed by the state.

Other project ideas to date include the following:

- treatment of unpaved roads;
- reducing wood stove pollution;
- providing alternative transportation, such as bus service to LaPorte:
- air quality monitoring;
- saving energy through either alternative energy sources or by improving energy efficiency.

LaPorte-area residents are encouraged to submit ideas for the supplemental environmental project to LAPAC, c/o R.N. Havis, P.O. Box 1437, LaPorte, Colo. 80535; or by e-mail to rhavis@juno.com.

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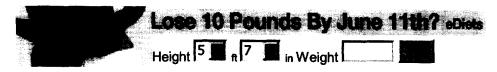
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